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To: Redistricting2012
Cc: Glidden, Elizabeth A.; Schiff, Gary
Subject: Comments from the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association
Attachments: PPNA Redistricting Response - 3-19-2012.pdf; 3-15 Redistricting Map.pdf; We All Win Map.pdf

2012 Redistricting Group -

Please find attached the comments from the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association.

Thank you for your consideration,

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PPNA's Community Event Calendar - <http://ppna.org/upcoming-events>



March 19, 2012

Minneapolis Charter Commission - Redistricting Group
c/o City Clerk's Office
City of Minneapolis
350 South 5th Street, Room 304
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Chair Barry Clegg and Redistricting Group Members:

On March 10, 2012, the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) convened a meeting of its Governance Committee to discuss the proposed redistricting changes and the effect on Powderhorn Park neighborhood's Communities of Interest. On behalf of the PPNA Board of Directors and its Governance Committee, I am submitting the organization's formal comments on the redistricting process:

1. PPNA endorses the Ward 9 boundary lines as reflected in the "We All Win" map (dated March 2012 – submitted by Mariano Espinoza). A copy of this map may be found at: <http://localdistrictbuilder.drawminnesota.org/districtmapping/plan/567/view/>

PPNA believes the "We All Win" map is consistent with the Minnesota State Legislature's self-imposed Redistricting Guidelines as governed by Article IV of the Minnesota Constitution.¹ We also believe it expresses the redistricting priorities established by the legislature.

The Midtown and East Phillips neighborhoods, which are vital to the economic and social cohesion of Ward 9, create a Community of Interest, which is federally recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) as the *Minneapolis Empowerment Zone*.² As a result, the PPNA wants to maintain these two neighborhoods as part of Ward 9.

PPNA proposes amending the map approved by the Redistricting Group on March 15, 2012, to include the Midtown Phillips neighborhood in its entirety.

¹http://drawthelinemidwest.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/07_MNHowLinesDrawn.pdf

²http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/plans/ez_index



2. PPNA is concerned about a proposed change to the size and location of precincts. The Governance Committee heard testimony from community members who help with Get Out the Vote efforts and provide transportation on election days. By enlarging the size of precincts, some voters who do not have access to personal transportation will be unfairly affected. This change will negatively impact some residents who may be low-income, disabled or senior citizens. Therefore, PPNA believes that precincts should remain the same size to ensure voters, regardless of transportation availability, can easily access their polling places.

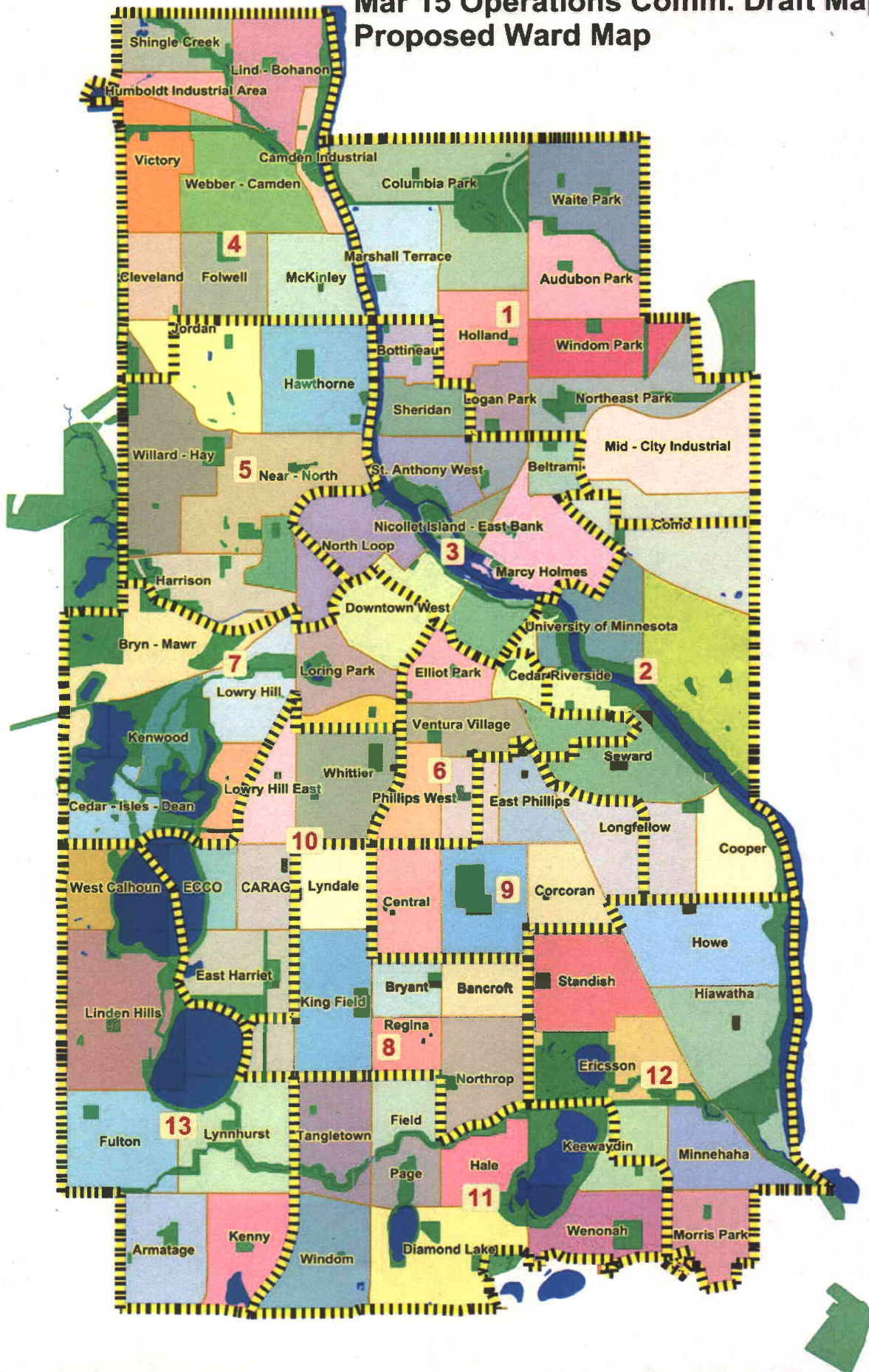
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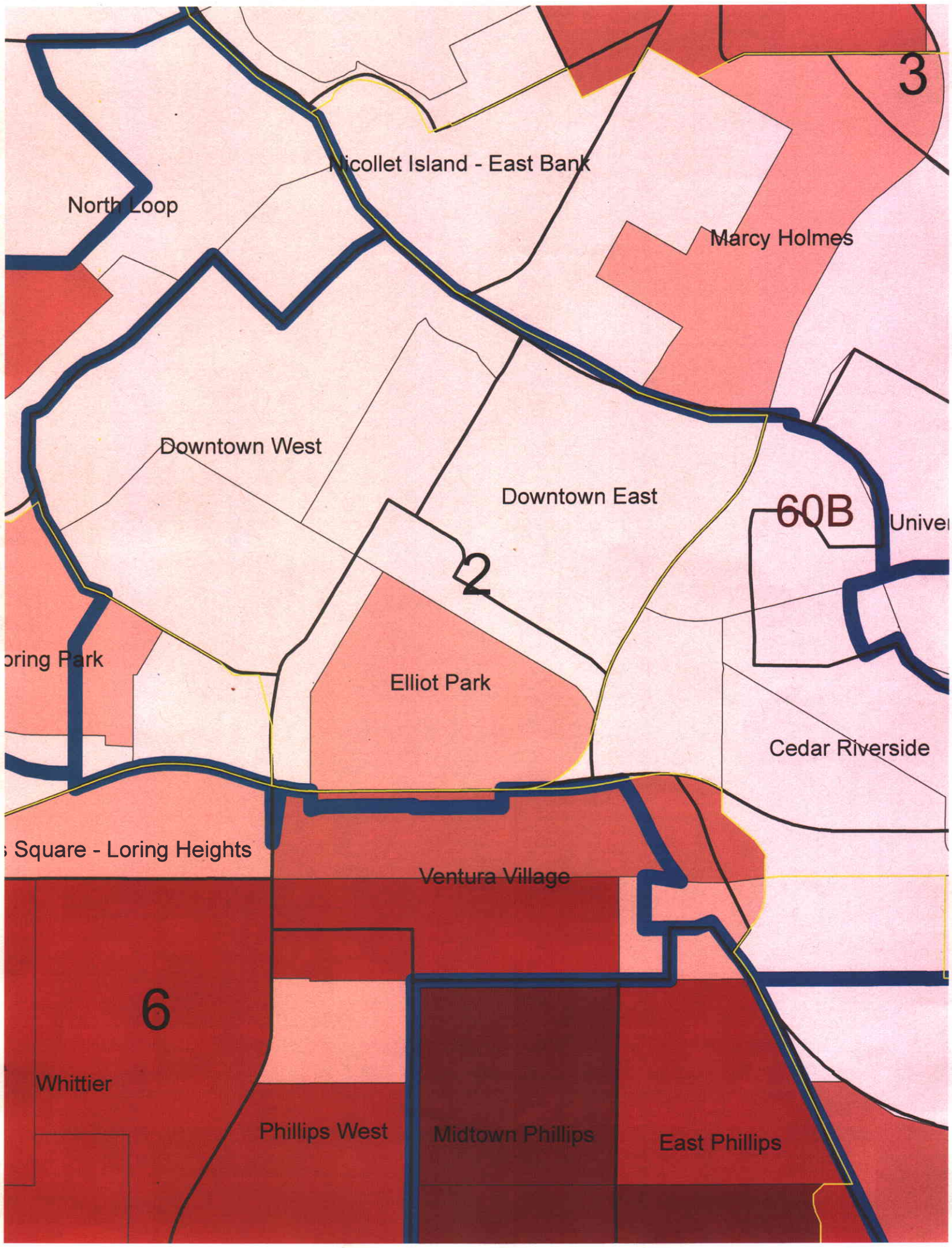
Sincerely,

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Cc: Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden
Councilmember Gary Schiff

Mar 15 Operations Comm. Draft Map Proposed Ward Map





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Nicollet Island - East Bank

North Loop

Marcy Holmes

Downtown West

Downtown East

60B

Univer

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Elliot Park

Cedar Riverside

s Square - Loring Heights

Ventura Village

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Whittier

Phillips West

Midtown Phillips

East Phillips